

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-4, and 6-9 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for delivering information to a plurality of user terminals, comprising:
 - a storage unit ~~for storing~~ a first and a second groups of data,
 - the first group of data including a combination of first identification data ~~for~~ identifying a first user terminal, a first index data corresponding to the first identification data, and ~~a set of~~ second index data, ~~the second index data being~~ assigned to a second user terminal to which a first information data provided by the first user terminal is delivered, and
 - the second group of data including a combination of the first identification data, the first information data, and ~~a set of~~ second identification data identifying a second user terminal and, the second identification data corresponding to the second index data, and ~~a set of~~ profile data, ~~the profile data being related to the~~ second identification data and being provided by the second user terminal, ~~identified by the second identification data, and the second group of data being~~ assigned with the first index data;
 - means for allowing entry of updated information into said storage unit to update said first information data; and
 - means for determining an order of delivering the updated first information data to the second user terminals according to ~~the set of~~ the profile data acquired by reference to the second group of data in said storage unit: on the basis of updating the first information data.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~the apparatus~~ further ~~includes comprising:~~
 - means for detecting a restriction data with respect to a restriction on delivering the updated first information data, the restriction data being included in the updated first information data, and

a-means for determining whether the updated first information data is delivered according to the restriction data.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~the apparatus further includes comprising:~~

means for detecting a-restriction data with respect to a restriction on delivering the updated first information data, the restriction data being included in the first updated information data, and

a-means for determining the order according to the restriction data.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the restriction data is responsive to a date ~~in~~ on which the updated first information data is delivered.

5. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 1, the apparatus further includes means for adding a datum responsive to the order to the updated first information data.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~the apparatus further includes comprising:~~

means for receiving an-order information data and an-instruction data for changing the updated first information data, the order information data being responsive to the order for delivering the updated first information data, and

a-means for changing the updated first information data according to the instruction data.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the profile data includes at least one of a datum responsive to a present status of a user of the user terminal, a datum responsive to a type of the user terminal, a datum of a location datum of the user terminal, a datum responsive to ~~the~~ an order in which the first information data was delivered to the user terminal, a datum responsive to communication history, a datum responsive to a frequency of updating information transmitted from the user terminal, a datum responsive to a last updating date and time of information transmitted from the user terminal, and a datum responsive to whether a charge for reception of the first information is paid or not paid.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first information data includes a plurality of first information data which are different from each other,

each first information data is assigned to the an order, and the first information data is delivered to the user terminal corresponding to the order.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of information delivery comprising:
~~the steps of:~~
receiving information from a user terminal;
obtaining identification information ~~for~~ identifying a user terminal to which the information is to be delivered, and an index assigned to the information;
obtaining profile information from a user terminal ~~that requires to be delivered~~
requiring delivery of the information;
storing the profile information according to the identification information at each
~~the~~ index;
receiving the information updated; and
determining an order of delivery of the information updated to the user terminals
at each index: on the basis of updating the information.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9, wherein the profile data includes at least one of a datum responsive to a present status of a user of the user terminal, a datum responsive to a type of the user terminal, a datum of a positional datum of the user terminal, a datum responsive to the order in which the information was delivered to the user terminal, a datum responsive to communication history, a datum responsive to a frequency of updating information transmitted from the user terminal, a datum responsive to a last updating date and time of information transmitted from the user terminal, and a datum responsive to whether a charge for reception of the information is paid or not paid.